MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടത്തുന്നത് ആരാണ്?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസ് കമ്മീഷണർആണ്.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : സിറിയൻ കത്തോലിക്കരെ നിയമിക്കാത്തതിന് വല്ല പ്രത്യേകകാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : സിറിയൻ കത്തോലിക്കരെ നിയമിക്കാത്തതിന് യാതൊരു പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമില്ല.

Graduate teachers in the Education Department.

26. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste, of :

(*a*) the permanent graduate teachers in the Education Department;

(*b*) the number of acting graduate teachers ;

(*c*) the number of permanent or acting graduate teachers appointed since 1-1-1112 ; and

(*d*) the number of applicants on or after 1-1-1111 for appointment as graduate teachers ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON ; The time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility.

MR. A. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : ജാതിതിരിച്ചുള്ള ഒരു പട്ടിക മേശപ്പുറത്തുവയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : അപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഒരു സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറ് ഉണ്ടാക്കാനുള്ള സന്ദർഭം ഇപ്പോൾ ഇല്ല.

Statement, by caste, of the officers in the Huzur Office.

27. * MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers occupying posts in the Huzur Office, carrying a pay of above Rs. 100 ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statement is laid on the table.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : നൂറു ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾ ഹുസൂർ പേയ്ക്ക് മേൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു കാണുന്നു. എന്നാൽ അതിൽ ഒരു കത്തോലിക്കനെക്കൂടി നിയമിച്ചു കാണുന്നില്ല. അതു് എന്തു് കാരണത്താലാണെന്നുപറയുമോ?

* *Vide* Appendix II page 139.

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : അവരിൽ പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിന് തക്ക യോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരില്ലാതെയിരുന്നതു കൊണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : സർ. ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളുള്ളതിൽ ഒരു കത്തോലിക്കനെ എങ്കിലും നിയമിക്കാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഇപ്പോഴുമുണ്ട് രണ്ടു പേർ കത്തോലിക്കു സമുദായത്തിൽനിന്നും ഉണ്ട്.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഇതിനു മുൻപു് സിക്രട്ടേറിയറിലേക്കു് മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ആളുകളെ എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : സമുദായപ്രാതിനിധ്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറു അംഗീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnthunad* cum *Parur*): സിക്രട്ടേറിയറിൽ ഒരു സമുദായക്കാർ മാത്രമെ പാടുള്ളുവെന്നു് നിർബന്ധമുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഇല്ല.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : May I know whether the Ezhava given in the list is now in the Secretariat?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I claim notice.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : Sir, on a point of order. സപ്ലിമെൻററിയായി ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു കാര്യത്തിനെപ്പറ്റി ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിനു് ക്ലെയിം നോട്ടീസ് എന്നു് മറുപടി പറയുന്നതു് ശരിയാണോ?

PRESIDENT : I am glad that the question has been put to me and I think I shall be able to satisfy the honourable Members of the House on this matter. Normally speaking, it is the duty of every department of Government to give all possible information to the Members of the Legislature who are anxious to get information. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that the putting of questions and the gathering of the answers is a matter involving considerable research in certain cases. For instance, I have had to deal with the question of a classification by caste and community of every convict within the last three years. Apparently the curiosity of honourable Members as to the community to which law breakers belonged was evidently over mastering them. But the trouble would be to take statistics of all the convictions in all the courts of the State during those years and then find out by enquiry to which communities they belonged. Now this time, not less than 150 questions have been received in respect of caste-war statements in the various departments of Government. I shall certainly be right in

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saying that 75 per cent. of the total number of questions coming up for answer is with regard to either official or non-official agencies and the castewar denomination of the people who are, who have been or who might be entertained from among those communities. All I could now say is, all efforts will be made to give all possible statistics on that matter very shortly, because, at the end of three years the whole work of the Public Service Commissioner has to be reviewed, and for that purpose Government have to collect complete statistics in that matter. Therefore in gathering statistics of such a character, not only the Legislative Department but every department of Government in mofussil places will have to be called upon to do the work.

With regard to the mere point of order, the position is as follows. Government have the right to say that they will not answer such questions. It is the inherent right of Government. But that will be discourteous to the Legislature. Therefore I have always discouraged that. It is easy to say that certain answers are detrimental to public interests. But the kind of answer that is now supplied to this question is an answer which is given in every Legislature in India, where statistics are called for, which in the opnion of the department concerned will not serve any useful purpose. There are questions as to permanent graduate teachers, acting teachers, permanent or acting teachers who were appointed since 1-1-1112 and so forth. We are now near the year 1115. Therefore all the papers relating to the Education Department and all the various branches of that department all over the State have to be gathered. People who have acted for one year or two years or even more and people who have acted for 10 days and the details relating to them, have to be obtained, then a castewar statement has to be made. What good does it do? It is admitted by Government that certain communities are over-represented. There are certain over-represented communities in the public service, and there are certain under-represented communities also. The latter communities are not represented not because they are necessarily unfit. Their claims can be urged even without asking for a castewar statement. To know how many Secretaries to Government there are, or how many Assistant Secretaries there are, how many Superintendents there are in the Secretariate, a scrutiny of the Civil List will suffice. I have always discouraged questions which can be answered by a reference to the Civil List or other records. There are ever so many Government publications such as the Civil List, Census Report etc. I think it is within what may be called ordinary range of politeness to refer the members to those publications. But where very elaborate work has to be done for the purpose of gathering statistics, it is open to Government to weigh the possible advantages or disadvantages as the case may be, and then put down the proper answer. That is what has been done in the present instance. At the same time if the honourable Members say that the information supplied is wrong and if Government are convinced of that, that will be examined. If by giving the information some immediate interest will be served, then the Chair will order the collection of necessary statistics.

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If the information is accessible and ready to hand, it is the duty of every Government department to furnish that information. But surely, the honourable Member will be the first to perceive that no Government servant and no Secretary is entitled to invent information for the purpose of satisfying the honourable Members opposite. If he has got the information, he will readily give it. If he has not, he will necessarily require some time. The obvious remedy in such cases will be this. In this House, very curiously, that method is not resorted to. Just after leaving this Chamber, every honourable Member has the right to approach the Chief Secretary or the Secretary and inform him of the proposed question, or write to him direct that such and such a question will be asked with in two or three days. If the information supplied by him is found satisfactory, then the matter rests there. If the information is inadequate then a short notice question can be put and answer elicited from the Government benches. That is the practice adopted in other Legislatures. But you cannot surely make the Government officers evolve answers which are not relevant and up to date.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Now, may I know whether the Ezhava found in the answer is now in the Secretariat?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether Government consider that Ezhavas should be given their proper share in Secretariat?

PRESIDENT: That is a matter on which Governmental policy have already been enunciated.

Armed Reserve Police, newly recruited in 1114.

28. ✱**MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing particulars on the following points in regard to the Armed Reserve Police, newly recruited in 1114 :—

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans recruited;

(*b*) the number of non-Travancoreans in that force;

(*c*) whether there is any difference in pay in the case of these two sets of recruitments;

(*d*) if so, the pay of the Travancorean and that of the foreign recruit;

KHAN BHAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector General of Police*): (*a*) 422

(*b*) 1

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Constables appointed by the Inspector General of Police.

29. ✱**MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): In regard to the appointments made by the present Inspector-General of Police, since his assumption of charge of the Department, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste:

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Special permission to Catholic priests for teaching in Schools.

44 *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether some of the Catholic priests who have no teaching qualifications, are given special permission by the Government to teach in the English Schools; and

(*b*) whether purely religious degrees like Doctorate in theology and divinity are equivalent to the teaching qualifications required by the Government?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in certain special circumstances dependent on the training imparted.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 25.**

Statement, by caste, of the graduate teachers appointed in the Education Department during the last three years.

Hindu—Nairs	...	...	3
Other Caste Hindu	...	...	1
Christian			
Latin Catholic	...	...	1
		Total	5

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 27.**

Statement, by caste, of the officers in the Huzur Office occupying posts carrying a pay of above Rs. 100.

Hindu:	
Brahmin	8
Nair	14
Ezhava	1
Other Hindu	5
Muslim:	1
Christian:	
Jacobite	1
S. I. U. C.	2